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CONFERENCE FOR PEACE IN CHINA FAILS

Belief Prevails Today That Revolutionists Are Preparing to Advance to North by Way of Pukow.

TREACHERY ALLEGED IN PLAYING FOR TIME

Officers and Men of Rebellious Forces Believe Shanghai Meet Was Only Ruse on Part of Manchus.

(By Evening Herald A. P. Leased Wire) Peking, Dec. 23.—In government circles here there seems to be little doubt that the conference at Shanghai between the representatives of the imperial government and the revolutionary party will prove a failure. The belief prevails that the revolutionaries are preparing to advance to the north by way of Pukow, which is in their possession. Premier Yuan Shi Kai continues to exchange frequent telegrams with Tang Shao Yi, his representative at Shanghai. It is understood that Yuan Shi Kai has been endeavoring to settle in advance of the formal sitting of the peace conference so that the sole business of the delegates will be to sanction the decision already reached. Government officials here insist that the throne will be retained but there is a difference of opinion as to what future form the monarchy will take. Yuan Shi Kai has been endeavoring to propagate the view that foreign interference will be detrimental to both parties, evidently hoping that his action will bear weight during the negotiations at Shanghai.

Negotiations between the group of international bankers and the imperial Chinese government for a loan are suspended for the present. The ministers of the four interested nations, the United States, Great Britain, Germany and France, for political reasons invited the Japanese and Russians to consider whether they would co-operate in the loan. The Russian charge d'affaires showed no inclination to do so and the representatives of the other powers feared that a boycott of foreign merchandise would result.

While all agreed the money should not be advanced for military purposes, certain of the ministers argued that there was only one recognized government, which soon would be without funds, and when that occurs lawlessness would result, including a grave possibility of the imperial army disintegrating into plundering bands.

Several American missionaries stationed in the province of Hunan have replied to a communication from the American legation here that they see no reason necessitating retirement from their posts, all the towns being peaceful.

The American legation is not taking such drastic steps as the British consulate, which are arresting British missionaries who refuse to leave the interior when ordered.

REBEL TROOPS ARE ANXIOUS TO FIGHT

Nanking, China, Dec. 23.—The present temper of the revolutionary troops here gives ground for the fear that the armistice now existing may be broken and that a serious encounter may occur in the territory to the north of Pukow.

Within the last two weeks Chang Huan, who was formerly in command of the imperial government troops at Nanking and who was incorrectly reported to have been killed, has received heavy reinforcements both of men and guns. With these he has advanced south as far as Su-Chow-An, retaking many towns and living on the country.

In the meanwhile the revolutionary forces have advanced northward to Lin-Wei-Kuan with strong supporting columns, occupying the best position. Chang Huan has commanded the entire northern section of the Tien-Tsin-Pukow railway, including the rolling stock. The revolutionary forces on the other hand hold the southern section.

Chang Huan's force is 10,000 strong, while the revolutionaries number 15,000. A distance of less than 100 miles separates them.

Chang Huan declares that he will retake Nanking, while the southern or revolutionary forces are keen to advance to Peking.

The revolutionaries, both officers and men, are firmly convinced that the conference at Shanghai is merely a ruse to afford Chang Huan the time to concentrate his reinforcements and to enable the imperial government forces to strengthen their position.

LONDON IS CURIOUS ABOUT JAPAN DEAL

London, Dec. 23.—Considerable curiosity has been aroused in diplo-

matic circles here regarding the reasons for the proposal of Great Britain and Japan to undertake a dual mission in China after the powers, including the United States, had decided to present an identical note to the conference now meeting at Shanghai.

There was a tendency to believe that the Japanese government had made the proposal and that Japan was anxious to intervene. It turns out now, however, that the proposal really came from the British government, acting on the belief that the British consul at Hankow, who had induced the combatants to agree to an armistice, might again succeed as a mediator in the larger question.

It is understood the state department at Washington is making inquiries both in Japan and Great Britain in regard to the plan proposed for the British-Japanese mediation.

CHINESE BRIGANDS MADE RICH HUNT

Hankow, Manchuria, Dec. 23.—A band of Chinese brigands today attacked an imperial convoy which was on the way to Kirin with a large amount of bullion. The robbers carried off \$50,000. The number of brigands in the province of Kirin has increased rapidly since the beginning of the political disturbances and the consequent unsettled condition of all parts of the country.

Many soldiers have deserted from the army and have joined the ranks of the brigands and now live openly by plundering. Murders occur frequently along the high roads and the brigands even attack settlements of considerable size, in which they loot the stores and do not hesitate to murder the inhabitants if they offer any resistance.

DR. SUN'S ELECTION WAS SAD FIZZLE

San Francisco, Cal., Dec. 23.—The Chinese National association here received a cablegram today stating that the report announcing the election of Dr. Sun Yat Sen as president of the revolutionary assembly at Nanking was premature. The message, which was in response to a query sent from here, said a test vote was taken informally among the delegates showing that Dr. Sun was strongly favored above the other candidates. This informal vote also extended to the question of ministers.

JAPANESE INFANTRY OFF TO HANKOW

Washington, Dec. 23.—Although the state department would not reveal the source of their information they declared today that official reports contain the statement that two companies of Japanese infantry and one machine gun detachment will arrive at Hankow about December 31. These troops, according to the advice, will be used to protect the Japanese consulate at Hankow.

NO MORE SESSIONS FOR SEVERAL DAYS

Shanghai, Dec. 23.—The Chinese peace conference will not resume its sessions for several days. Tang Shao Yi, who came as the representative of Premier Yuan Shi Kai, is occupied in exchanging dispatches with Peking and in receiving callers. He has not yet received Premier Shi Kai's final answer. He says the armistice now is almost perfect.

Within the last few days the economic situation in the interior of the country has greatly improved. Telegrams and letters from all points show that lawlessness continues in the outlying country districts but the local government officials have succeeded in making a decided improvement in the general condition.

BANKER MORSE WILL DIE UNLESS HE IS FREED

Physicians and Army Surgeons at Fort McPherson Declare That Financier Is in Bad Way.

(By Evening Herald A. P. Leased Wire) Atlanta, Ga., Dec. 23.—Chas. W. Morse, banker, must regain his freedom within a very short time or he will die, according to a report prepared and sent to Washington by a conference yesterday of local physicians and military surgeons at Fort McPherson, where Morse was removed from the federal penitentiary for treatment.

WATER INVADES COAL MINE

English Miners Are Brought to Surface Without Loss of Single Life; Six Men Are Killed in Germany.

(By Evening Herald A. P. Leased Wire) Wigan, England, Dec. 23.—The Crossley coal pit near here was flooded today by a sudden rush of water. Two hundred miners were below in the workings at the time and it was feared that many of them would lose their lives but all were brought safely to the surface.

GERMAN MINERS ARE KILLED IN EXPLOSION

Dortmund, Germany, Dec. 23.—Six miners were killed by a fire damp explosion which occurred last evening in one of the pits of the Teutoburg colliery near here.

NEW MEXICO SHEEP INDUSTRY GROWS SMALLER IN TEN YEARS

In That Time, the Number of Sheep of Shearing Age Shows Decrease of Nearly Half a Million Head.

PRODUCTION OF WOOL IS GREATER

(Special Telegram to Evening Herald) Washington, Dec. 23.—The census report on sheep, the proof sheets of which are just off the press, show some interesting comparisons on the industry between conditions now and in 1900.

In New Mexico the census shows that in 1900 there were 3,333,743 sheep of shearing age scattered over 2,504 ranches and farms, whereas in 1910 there were 2,894,984 sheep on 2,378 farms and ranches.

But the figures show that despite the fact that there were less sheep of shearing age in 1910 than in 1900, the production of wool has been almost half as great indicating that more careful shearing is done, that better sheep are produced and that the demand for all grades of wool is better.

In 1910 New Mexico marketed 18,394,917 pounds of wool and received therefor \$2,131,971, as against 15,209,199 pounds ten years ago which sold for \$1,954,171.

These figures indicate also that the actual producer of the wool is not receiving exorbitant increase in payment for the wool, as compared with the actual increase of prices on all commodities.

The manufacturer, on the other hand, who converts the wool into various products and by-products, is the chief beneficiary from schedule K, and this is strikingly shown by the census figures on the products of wool which have made gains in price of much larger percentage than is shown for the wool grower.

This is what the Republicans in congress will undertake to adjust at this session in an effort to draft a wool schedule which will equalize all the differences on wool, making it possible for the wool grower to receive the same protection as the manufacturer and the consumer. The figures gathered by the tariff board, it is maintained, are supplemental to and more thorough than those of the census bureau, since they are for the specific purpose of aiding intelligent legislation on the subject, whereas the census figures are purely for record purposes.

AMERICAN TURKEY ALMOST EXTINCT RACE NOW

Unless Something Is Done in Near Future to Increase Supply, There Will Be None Left in Next Few Years.

(By Evening Herald A. P. Leased Wire) Washington, D. C., Dec. 23.—Unless something is done to rehabilitate the turkey growing there will be no such thing as Christmas or Thanksgiving turkeys in the United States within ten years. The census bureau has issued a bulletin showing that in 1910 there were only 3,448,708 turkeys on farms in the country, while in 1900 there were 6,594,095.

At this rate the turkey will be in the do-do class by 1920. There was also a reduction of about 50 per cent in ducks during the last years and the number of geese dropped considerably. Chickens increased, however, the total for the country going from 233,446,921 in 1900 to 280,245,133 in 1910.

MANDAMUS WRIT AGAINST SPEERS

Mayor and City Officials of Denver Are Ordered by Court to Call Special Election Petitioned for.

(By Evening Herald A. P. Leased Wire) Denver, Colo., Dec. 23.—District Judge J. H. Teller today issued a writ of mandamus to compel Mayor R. W. Speer and other city officials to call a special election on amendments to the city charter providing for a commission form of government, including the preferential system of voting and the headlong ballot. The city attorneys gave notice of appeal to the state supreme court. The mandamus was asked because the city officials refused to order a special election in compliance with petitions signed by 20,000 voters.

UNITED STATES HAS BOUGHT NO LAND

(By Evening Herald A. P. Leased Wire) New York, Dec. 23.—The Mexican vice consul here says a dispatch reporting the sale by the Mexican government to the United States government of a portion of Lower California is absurdly untrue, because under the Mexican constitution no territory can be alienated.

Elks All Ready to Entertain Youngsters

Robert Braycock, Noted Actor, Will Address Kids After Big Christmas Tree Is Stripped.

Everything has been done that any Elk could think of to make the Christmas tree celebration for the boys and girls of Albuquerque a howling success, and when the time for the beginning of the festivities falls around at 2:30 tomorrow afternoon every kid in town who might not otherwise have a very merry Christmas is invited and expected to be in the Elks' theater.

Exalted Ruler Roy A. Stamm this afternoon announced the completion of all arrangements for the tree. The Indian school band, through the kindness of Superintendent Reuben Perry, will render selections from time to time when the kiddies get through shouting after they have been deluged with oranges, apples, candy, nuts and presents, handed by Santa Claus from the tree to his assistants. The assistant Santa Clauses, "the men who are doing the work," include Moose Frishman, chairman; Jere Haggard, George H. Thomas, Louis Benjamin, J. W. Prestel, F. H. Harris, John Joseph Tierney, Robert H. Crews and Ernest Fuhrmyer. After the racket incident to the distribution of the gifts is over, Mr. Robert Braycock, of "The Lion and the Lock," of "The Elks and the Moose" company, will make an informal talk to the youngsters on "The Christmas Spirit." Mr. Braycock is an Elk and it is believed he will make every bit as good an impression as did Mr. Frederic Ward, the noted Shakespearean actor, who addressed the youngsters last year.

Following Mr. Braycock a musical program will be rendered, including vocal and violin solos and selections by the Fuhrmyer orchestra. The Clifford children, actors, professionals, will do an act, and there will be other features, all of which together will mean a great big time for the children.

The general public is invited to attend the celebration, look on and enjoy the fun.

The Elks want every deserving boy and girl of either sex in Albuquerque, who will not enjoy Christmas at home, to be on hand for the doings. Remember, the time, 2:30; the place, the Elks' theater.

OHIO TOWN GIVES UP PRACTICE OF SANTA CLAUS

Ministers Declare That There Will Be No More Christmas Trees But That Money Will Go to the Poor.

(By Evening Herald A. P. Leased Wire) Bellefontaine, Ohio, Dec. 23.—Bellefontaine is Santa Clausless this year and probably is the only city in the country that will have no Christmas exercises in any of the churches or institutions.

The small boy who had attended Sunday school regularly the last few weeks, expecting the usual Christmas tree and festivities, was disappointed when the ministers of the city announced that they had decided to abandon the church Santa Claus, the Christmas tree or exercises of any description. Sentiment against the Santa Claus myth, the high cost of living and the theory that the money should be expended among the poor were among the reasons given by the ministers and others for the action. Several of the pastors hired conveyances and made house to house visits to their Sunday school pupils, leaving sacks of candy.

ENGLISH WEAVERS WILL STRIKE

Lockout Will Take Place December 27 and Will Throw Out of Work 160,000 People in Mills.

(By Evening Herald A. P. Leased Wire) Manchester, Eng., Dec. 23.—The executive committee of the Weavers' Trade union has decided to support the strike of the mill operatives at Accrington against the employment of non-unionist workmen, which occurred Dec. 20.

There is little prospect therefore of avoiding the lockout of 160,000 operatives which is threatened by the Lancashire mill owners and is to begin on Dec. 27.

LINCOLN BASEBALL CLUB NEEDS RECEIVER

Temporary Injunction Is Issued by Court to Prevent President From Taking Any Action Pending Meeting.

(By Evening Herald A. P. Leased Wire) Lincoln, Neb., Dec. 23.—A temporary injunction was granted today by the district court restraining President Donald C. Despain of the Lincoln baseball club from interfering in any way with its management and selling or dealing in players pending a meeting for the appointment of a receiver. The meeting is in connection with a foreclosure suit filed by George F. Truman, who holds mortgages amounting to over \$1,000.

CONVICT DECLARES HE IS VICTIM OF PERSECUTION BY POLITICIAN

Sherman W. Morris Asserts He Was Railroaded to the Penitentiary in Colorado by Enemy.

GOVERNOR WILL TAKE UP INVESTIGATION

(By Evening Herald A. P. Leased Wire) Denver, Colo., Dec. 23.—Between now and the time of the next meeting of the pardon board, January 12, Governor Shaffroth will do a great deal of personal investigation to determine as far as possible whether the claims of Sherman W. Morris, alias Sheriff, that he was railroaded to the penitentiary are true.

Morris was convicted and sentenced to the penitentiary for twenty-five years for the murder of John Walsh, a saloonkeeper at Leadville, in 1892. Morris claims that even if he were pardoned, unless he were paroled and kept under the protection of the state of Colorado, he would be in prison again, for there are several other charges to be made against him in other states, all at the instigation of Thomas Dennison of Omaha, he claims. The most notable of these, Morris said, is a charge of committing a diamond robbery in Indiana. Morris said he can produce good support to an affidavit that he was not in the state of Indiana when the robbery was committed.

Dennison, Morris declares, used his influence effectively to railroad him to the penitentiary in Colorado.

LOVE LORN YOUTH IS ARRESTED FOR POISONING

Lives of Entire Family of Wealthy Kentuckians Endangered and Two Already Are Dead.

(By Evening Herald A. P. Leased Wire) Henderson, Ky., Dec. 23.—While the coroner began inquiry into the fatal poisoning of the Royser family, last night, the sheriff moved rapidly to day, arresting Philip Royser, said to have been a rejected admirer of one of the Royser sisters and formerly employed on the big Royser estate.

Of the persons stricken two are dead. They are Henry Royser, aged 18 and a negro cook, Thomas Royser and a daughter, Lorena, are seriously ill, but physicians said they and other members of the family would recover. The one employed to poison the family was none other, it is believed, through beer sent to the Royser, supposedly by a friend.

WANTS TO BE FIRST THROUGH THE CANAL

George Richie Expects to Take 600 Mile Trip from Boston to San Francisco, Going Through Panama Project.

(By Evening Herald A. P. Leased Wire) Boston, Mass., Dec. 23.—With the expense of his trip defrayed by the publicity he will receive en route, George Richie has set out all alone from Providence, R. I., in his twenty-one-foot power dory, the George Washington, on a 600-mile trip to San Francisco via the Panama canal. Richie expects that his craft will be the first to sail through the completed portions of this great undertaking. He intends to land in San Francisco Washington's birthday.

The George Washington is fitted to carry 100 gallons of gasoline, sufficient for any emergency. Sail will be used when the wind favors. She is sixteen feet on the keel, the water line being eighteen feet and four inches, and her beam a trifle under seven feet.

BATTLESHIP TO BRING SAILORS' BODIES HOME

Washington, Dec. 23.—President Taft is anxious that the bodies of several sailors found in the wreck of the Maine, which are soon to be brought north, shall be transported with all possible dignity. He has written a letter to Secretary Meyer expressing the wish that, if possible, the bodies be brought from Havana on one of the large vessels of the navy, conveyed by another vessel.

PALL MALL GAZETTE IS AROUSED OVER TAFT MESSAGE ON CANAL

It Demands That Hay-Pauncefote Treaty Be Made Effective and That Sir Edward Grey Get Busy.

BIG DITCH OPENED TO SHIPS OF WORLD

(By Evening Herald A. P. Leased Wire) London, Dec. 23.—The Hay-Pauncefote treaty of 1902, between Great Britain and Ireland and the United States is quoted today against President Taft's suggestion in his message to congress on December 21 that preferential treatment should be accorded to American ships passing through the Panama canal.

After reproducing the clause of article 3 of the Hay-Pauncefote treaty relating that the canal shall be open to the vessels of all nations on terms of entire equality in respect of the conditions on charges of traffic or otherwise, the Pall Mall Gazette comments on President Taft's proposal as follows:

"It might be good business for the United States if she could get over the trifling difficulty that she has solemnly undertaken that she would do nothing of the kind. We trust that Sir Edward Grey, the British foreign minister, will take steps to make the British view perfectly explicit and even British Ambassador Bryce at Washington will for once show some vigilance on behalf of our commercial interests."

Clause 1 of article 3 of the treaty referring to the Panama canal which was proclaimed on February 22, 1902, is textually as follows:

"The canal shall be free and open to the vessels of commerce and of war of all nations observing these rules, on terms of entire equality, so that there shall be no discrimination against any such nation, or its citizens or subjects, in respect of the conditions or charges of traffic or otherwise. Such conditions and charges of traffic shall be just and equitable."

The rules referred to are substantially those embodied in the convention of Constantinople signed October 29, 1888, for the free navigation of the Suez canal.

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PRESIDENT TAFT IS CENSURED BY A NEWSPAPER IN MEXICO

Gil Blas, a Reactionary Publication Calls for Peaceable Demonstration Before American Embassy Tomorrow.

MOBILIZATION WAS TERMED HUGE FIASCO

(By Evening Herald A. P. Leased Wire) Mexico City, Dec. 23.—The Gil Blas today published a call for a peace demonstration tomorrow before the American embassy as a protest against the imprisonment and alleged persecution of Mexican citizens in the United States. The El Pais, which has always had an anti-American tendency, in an editorial on President Taft's message on foreign relations presented to congress on December 7, says the terms of the mobilization were a first step toward violating Mexican sovereignty by invading the country without a declaration of war.

If the mobilization was meant to guarantee the lives and property of American citizens in Mexico as was stated in the message it was a gigantic fiasco, for neither France, Germany, England nor Spain committed such an act of hostile arrogance. The article continues:

"It is in vain that President Taft insists that all was in friendship towards Mexico."

JUAREZ RACE CARD

(By Evening Herald A. P. Leased Wire) Juarez, Mexico, Dec. 23.—Entries for tomorrow:

First race, selling, two year olds, six furlongs: *Mabel King, 97; Ortao, Roeger Battle, Homestead, 102; *John Rock, 95; *Marjorie Fleming, Yvonne, Lehigh, 97; Don's Say No, Errant Lady, 110.

Second race, selling, one mile: *Great Oscar, 96; Bell Child, Portarlington Rosoworth, Chase, 101; *Virginia Lindsay, 105; *Sabado, Little Marchmont, Barney Oldfield, Gunston, Bushwacker, 110; Kiddy Len, 112.

Third race, selling, five and one half furlongs: *Moralight, 91; *Mansley, 92; The Visitor, 95; *Racer, 99; *Maidie Girl, 108; *Matt O'Connell, 110; Betty Lester, 112; Antioch, Hidden Hand, 115; Archbold Ham, 122.

Fourth race, selling, one mile and a quarter: *Sugar Lump, 81; Frog, 100; Pleasant, 102; Jim Caffera, 104; The Monk, 109.

Fifth race, selling, two years olds, six furlongs: Flying Dor, De Cesarion, 102; Brack Boston, 105; Camarado, Thistle Rose, Dec 87; First Fashion, Florence Kripp, 107; McAllen, Penang, 110.

Sixth race, selling, seven furlongs: *Osuro, 98; Emma G. L. M. Eckart, Lena Lech, Gelfio, Miami, 108; Fred Mulholland, Light Knight, Belsnickler, 112.

*—Apprentice allowance.

DIDN'T DROP NATIONAL HYMN

Milwaukee, Dec. 23.—A plan to drop the "Star Spangled Banner" from the weekly municipal concert which attracts an audience of three thousand each Sunday afternoon was dropped today. A change in the program was made to force the observance of the custom of rising for the national hymn. The custom has been to play the hymn at the end of the concert, but the crowd would not wait for conclusion of the hymn, but would hurry to the exits. The management finally announced that owing to this failure to give the customary observance to the hymn it would be omitted from the program. This plan, however, was abandoned and the hymn today was the second number of the program.

SUGGESTS STONE THROWING AS WOMAN'S EXERCISE

New York, Dec. 23.—Practice in throwing stones straight that women might be prepared for a stone throwing campaign in case more peaceful methods fail to win their cause, was urged upon suffragettes by Elizabeth Freeman, the young American-English leader, at a meeting in an upper church tonight. The idea was welcomed with cheers.

KNOCKOUT TO BATTLE ON NEW YEAR'S DAY

(By Evening Herald A. P. Leased Wire) Oakland, Cal., Dec. 23.—Sailor P. Trovsky and "Chicago Knockout" Brown have been matched to box ten rounds before the Oakland Wheelman's club on New Year's day. The men have agreed to make 150 pounds at 10 o'clock on the morning of the contest. No referee has been selected. Brown recently won a decision over Fritz Holland, a local middleweight.

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(By Evening Herald A. P. Leased Wire) New York, N. Y., Dec. 23.—The New York Evening Post today quotes Theodore Roosevelt on the recent correspondence between him and George R. Shelton, treasurer of the Republican national committee, concerning the Harriman-Roosevelt contribution controversy as follows:

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